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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**1.) Claim Status**

The Applicant has amended claims 1 and 11; and claims 9, 10, and 19 have been canceled. Accordingly, claims 1-8 and 11-18 are pending in the application. Favorable reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

2.) Allowable Subject Matter

The Applicant notes with appreciation the conditional allowance of claim 10.

3.) Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)

The Examiner rejected claims 1-9, 11-19 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Rappaport, et al. (US 5,722,043). Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the elements of claims 9 and 10. Thus, this rejection with respect to claim 1 is deemed to be moot. Additionally, claim 11 has also been amended to incorporate the elements of claim 9 and 10. The Examiner's consideration of claim 11 is respectfully requested.

Claims 2 through 8 depend from amended claim 1 and recite additional limitations in combination with the novel elements of claim 1. Therefore, the allowance of claims 2 through 8 is respectfully requested. Similarly, claims 12 through 18 depend from amended claim 11 and recite additional limitations in combination with the novel elements of claim 11. Therefore, the allowance of claims 12 through 18 is also respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing remarks, the Applicant believes all of the claims currently pending in the Application to be in a condition for allowance. The Applicant, therefore,

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respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw all rejections and issue a Notice of Allowance for all pending claims.

The Applicant requests a telephonic interview if the Examiner has any questions, requires any additional information that would further or expedite the prosecution of the Application, or believes the Applicant has not fully responded to the Examiner's rejections or statements.

Respectfully submitted,



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